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Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report is submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997, in paragraph 6 of which the Secretary-General was requested to report on a quarterly basis on the acceptance of the gratis personnel referred to in paragraph 4 of the resolution with a view to ensuring compliance with the provisions of the resolution. The first quarterly report was included as part II of a prior report of the Secretary-General (A/52/709) submitted on 4 December 1997. The present quarterly report covers the period from 1 October through 31 December 1997.

2. During the period, 14 new type II gratis personnel started their service, as shown in the table below:

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Department/Office	*Functional Title*	*Nationality*	*Functions*	*Date on which service began*	*Expiration date of engagement*
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Civilian Police Personnel Manager	Argentina	To maintain extensive contacts with national civilian police institutions and to evaluate qualified civilian police personnel for recruitment	29 October 1997	15 October 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Demining Officer	United Kingdom	Planning, advising on and overseeing demining activities	15 November 1997	15 November 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Chief, Medical Support Unit	Sweden	Planning, providing advice on medical support to peacekeeping operations	1 December 1997	1 December 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Engineer Officer	Slovenia	To provide advice and guidance to the Department on engineering projects in field missions	8 December 1997	8 December 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Mission Planning Officer	Australia	To provide advice and guidance on planning functions for field missions	30 December 1997	31 December 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Duty Officer, Situation Centre	Singapore	To receive, analyse and compile information relating to peacekeeping operations	31 December 1997	31 December 1998
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda	Eight investigators	Netherlands	To work with the Office of the Prosecutor at Kigali in conducting field investigations leading to identification of witnesses, apprehension of suspects and tracking of indicted persons	28 December 1997	30 June 1998

3. In the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the first three of the six type II gratis personnel who started their service in the last quarter of 1997 were accepted to provide expertise not available within the Organization for very specialized functions. This complies with the requirements of paragraph 4 (a) of resolution 51/243.

4. The other three gratis personnel were accepted by the Department in the context of the transitional measures required for an orderly execution of the phasing-out plan submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on 8 December 1997 (A/52/710). Recruitment for those functions will be initiated if the General Assembly decides to approve funding for that purpose in the budget for peacekeeping missions.

5. At the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, eight investigators were accepted to carry out specialized investigative functions for which, at the time, there was no expertise available in the Secretariat. These gratis personnel were accepted in order to allow the Tribunal to ensure effective and efficient prosecution of the cases brought to it, pending completion of the recruitment procedures against posts approved by the General Assembly in the Tribunal's budget. Accordingly, the gratis personnel in question were accepted for a period ending 30 June 1998.